

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5 – 10, 13 – 16 and 18 – 20 are in the application. By this amendment, Claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 20 are amended and Claims 2 – 4, 11 – 12 and 17 are cancelled.

The Examiner previously objected to Claims 2 – 5, 8, 9, 13 and 17 are being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As a result, Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the substance of Claims 2 – 4 therein. Claim 10 has been amended by incorporating the substance of Claims 11 – 12 therein. Finally, Claim 16 has been amended by incorporating the substance of Claim 17 therein. With these amendments, and with the amendments of the other claims in the case to change dependency as required, each of the claims remaining in this case is believed to be in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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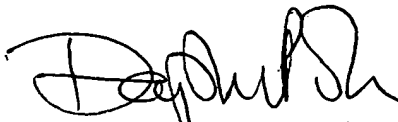
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